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To: Occupational Therapists
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Subject: Professional License Required for Occupational and Physical Therapists

The purpose of this memorandum is to REMIND occupational therapists and physical therapists that they must have a current professional license with the Department of Health (DOH) before serving MAA clients.

Listed below are the professionals who may provide occupational and physical therapy services to MAA clients:

Occupational Therapists (WAC 388-545-300)

The following providers are eligible to enroll with MAA to provide occupational therapy services:

- A licensed occupational therapist;
- A licensed occupational therapy assistant supervised by a licensed occupational therapist; and
- An occupational therapy aide, in schools, trained and supervised by a licensed occupational therapist.

Physical Therapists (WAC 388-545-500)

The following providers are eligible to provide physical therapy services:

- A licensed physical therapist or physiatrist; or
- A physical therapist assistant supervised by a licensed physical therapist.

It is important that providers of occupational and physical therapy services have an effective monitoring system in place to ensure that professional licenses are updated prior to the expiration date. If, while conducting a program/provider review, MAA identifies an occupational or physical therapist with an expired license, MAA will recoup any payments made to the therapist for services provided to MAA clients during the period that the therapist had an expired license.

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